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REMARKS OF

W. H. S. SWEET, OF CRAVEN.

spirator against the liberties of his coun-

have contributed to influence my action

When the authority conferred by exist

in a relative sense, than the immense debt

of the United States was increased during

and rallying around the flag of our coun-

proportion of the assessed valuation of pro-

perty within her borders, than the national

earned by the sweat of poor men's brows.

lebt thus enlarged into proportions incon-

phernalia of mobilized troops.

the United States.

of England's son."

"It was in sooth a pitcous sight,

May we never be overwhelmed in

"The broad highway to poverty and need,

Is much to build, and many mouths to fill."

I believe these are the only two roads

having sufficient merit, in the judgment of

sources of the State should have been con-

centrated in order that our Seaboard and

If the agricultural, commercial, manu-

westward with an irresistible march, can

upon the brink of its grave.

mittee on Bribery and Corruption.

sumus." Where in the world are we?

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 12, 1869

Ayer's Sarsaparilla, FOR PURIFYING THE BLOOD.



one month.

The reputation this exis derived from its cures. many of which are of a traly marvellous thancher. Invoterate cases of scrotols, where the

gave vielded to this com ound of anti-strumous rittues. Disorders of a

of this investigation, and the considerahave emanated from me. In doing so I little relavency to the subject under condy deposited in the lungs or doubtful policy and wisdom, all of which by magnifying, and individualizing and

and shorten the duration of the. It is a quickening a sense of official duty and responsibility. Low fiving, bother thou, but air, licentious are installants, and the discussing vices gen-postate it. Weakly constitutions, where not or condition can depend on immunity from est. Lathany's Five, Base or Leg-ipelas, Teller, Salt Wheam. Scald Head, Ring-ern, Sace Bars and Eyes, and other evuntive

de farat - of the all mass caused primarily by sinlests infection, the Saratparilla is so efcount as to be indisconsible. And in the more re combined with its of still greater power. So

an is the number of healing virtues, Siphilis or altes, literiae Utcerations, and Female seems in general, are commonly soon relieved curod by the invigorating and purioften dependent on the accumulations of so in this mediciae. For Liver Complaints, for with, inflammation, abcess, etc., emised by rankling poisons in the bland, we unhesitatingly

to be supplied with Quartermasters stores. a power is soon felt by those who are Languid, Acra, Despondent, Sterntess, and filled with versions Apprehensions of Pears, or who are made of weakness. Stary, after taking it for the consent Debitity, have written us of the youth-ful victor happened to their nervous system, which result baoyant with that prolific life they thought and beganted on the advance of age. Others, whose as in sof lite were always sterile, acknowledge somigations to it for an obvious change.

Ayer's Ague Cure,

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e, we other margal or poisonous substance is to be gratuled by the acknowledgments we reat where other remedies had wholly failed. Uncertainted pursons, either resident in, or ed by taking the AGUE CURE daily. the Liver Complaints, arising from torpidity the later, it is an excellent remedy, stimulating Prepared by DR. J. C. AYER & Co., Practical

, unitarieal Chemists, Lowell, Mass., and sold PRICE, \$1.00 PER BOTTLE. ar Sold in Wilmington by E. Willis, W. H.

Lipput and all Druggists and Dealers every 67-cod1w-1tw STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

against Superior Court of New Catharine G. Meares, Hanover County. Thomas D. Meares. THE DEFENDANTS, Catharine G. Meares and

John L. Meares, are hereby notified to appear | regardless of the wishes of our people, the any of February next, to answer the complaint Ca harine G. Meares, John L. Meares, Thomas note as co-surence of William B. Mesres, to Joseph J. Bell, for seventeen hundred and seventv-six dollars and 50 c mts, due one day after date: and that on 30th November, 1868, I paid the bal- lancient Scandinavian ballad of "the King arisen to me against the said Catharine G. Meares surity, to wit; the sum of eight hundred and forty dollars and seventy-two cents, with interest from 30th November, 1868, and against the said John

JNO. J. LONG. Winness, J. C. MANN, Clerk of our said Court face the warning inscriptionat office, the eighth Monday after the fourth Monday in August, A. D., 1868.

Issued January 19th, 1869. J. C. MANN, Clerk.

MARRIAGE GUDE. 1) married persons or those about to be mar- stock, and some with only a paper existried, both male and female, in everything con- ence, found as little difficulty in exchang. State are involved to the amount of milcorning the physiology and relations of our sexgal system, and the production and prevention of offspring, including all the new discoveries never did those companies whose roads were before given in the English Isuguage, by WM. partially constructed and in operation. YOUNG, M. D. This is really a valuable and in- such as the Wilmington, Charlotte and teresting work. It is written in plain language Rutherford R. R. Co. and the Western N. for the general reader, and is illustrated with nu-C. R. R. Co. merous tingravings. All young married people, or those contemplating marriage, and having the least impediment to married life, should read this book. It discloses secrets that every one should be acquainted with; still it is a book that must a majority of our people, to justify an enbe locked up and not lie about the house. It will largement of our debt to secure their early | by said Road does not require revenue s. amps.

be sent to any address on receipt of 50 cents -- completion. Upon these two roads the re-Address, Da. WM YOUNG, No. 416 Spruce street, above Fourth, Philadelphia, es-AFFLIGUED AND UNFOLTUNATE.—No matter what may be your disease, before you the Mississippi, and even the Pacific, place yours if under the care of any one of the might be wedded at the earliest possible notorious QUACKS-native and foreign-who a moment, in bonds of iron never to be vertise in this or any other paper, get a copy of Dr. Young's Book and read it carefully. It will be the mes s of s ving you many a dollar, your health, and possibly your life Dr. Young can be consulted on any of the dis-

esses described in his publications, at his office, No. 416 Spruce street, above Fourth, Philadel-

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manifested to obtain possession of the ted by a public officer, on behalf of the mittee, one in favor of Colonel J. M. Heck much as members did not submit to the J. G. BLUE, President Poard Trustrees.

The popular alarm created by this un- public officer.

Before the Senate, Friday, Jan. 28th, 1869 on the Report of the Joint Select Com Mr. President :- In one of his impas sioned orations, exposing the arch con-

try, the great Roman orator paralized the Roman Senate with the exclamation " whi "Where in the world are we," and whither are we drifting, are interrogations which constantly obtrade themselves upon importance of securing such an exercise of strongs to the amount of I ask the indulgence of the Senate for the purpose of imparting a brief history worthless, the worthlessness shall not retions suggesting it, in so far as it may sult from informality of execution. Accordingly, I prepared and introduced into the may appear to indulge in remarks that have Senate a resolution calling for a Select Their pertinency consists in the fact that if at all, authority to issue certain bonds they relate to important public measures of had been exercised by the Treasurer."

rant, as he must have been, of my resolution, as 1 was of his, until within a few The public wind has for some time been deeply agitated with forebodings of financial ruin. There is a wide spread appre-Select committee whose report is now from his honest convictions of duty. hension that our State credit, which once under consideration.

challenged the unbounded confidence and generous pride of every citizen-imperilled by its extravagant use-stands tottering ing and maturing legi-lation to issue bonds Assembly. During the diseassion prois exhausted, our public debt will have become more than \$43,000,000. This debt use of dollars and cents for the purpose in- South Carolina State line.

sustains to the aggregate property of the State the same relation that a debt of five It will be observed that this investigahandred millions would to the assessed valuation of property in the State of New York, When we consider the increased productive capacity of property in New York the comparison is still more sugges-

tive. In twelve months authority has been tion. uess of North Carolina. In other words, during the year 1868, a year of profound

The act to amend the charter of the Wilpublic peace and tranqunity, the debt of liamston and Tarboro' Railroad Co., ratifithe State has been increased more rapidly, to exchange the bonds of the State for those any equal period of our late terrible civil of the Company to the amount of \$300,000. war-a war in which there were under arms The bonds of the Company were required by said act to be secured by a morttry more than one million patriots who had gage upon all the property of the Com-

and Commissary stores, and artillery, and pany. The Company has received the bonds of small arms, and horses, and all the parathe Company's mortgage, as required by Company does not own a single grain of The very flood-gates of expenditure seemed to have been opened full and wide,

The Treasurer has accepted what puryet the debt of North Carolina, in less time orts to be this mortgage, but what in law than the earth requires to traverse its orannot be enforced. bit, has been made to constitute a larger

ceivably great, does of the property within The United States Internal Revenue law To defray the current expenses of govrequires that it should have upon it \$300 erty which has no existence. ernment and pay the interest-maturing of Revenue stamps, and declares that the during the repose of night, as well as the activities of day-will require ten thousand incurred a penalty of two thousand dellars. dollars every twenty-four hours. I know Assembly have advocated in a conscientious gage unstamped, shall never be allowed to introduce it in evidence. It is therefore way the passage of bills which have proworth less than the paper upon which it is

duced this astounding result. There has been a wild enthusiasm upon the subject of This unstamped mortgage was accepted internal improvements, which amounts to by the Treasurer before he obtained the a species of monomania, and cannot but opinion of the Attorney General. The fact retard what it seeks to advance. A gentle and steady breeze, filling the well spread much more safely and expeditiously than sieleted law Televisian the penalty of any doubt, the old maxim "salus populi canvass of our argosy, will waft us onward the destructive gal. which comes up from violated law. I desire to recur to the same est suprema lex "should have required it.

road Company. There is an all pervasive feeling that our bonds have been distributed with so lavish a hand, that the redemption of our promises, if at all possible, will demand for several generations all the money that can be The uniformity of success attending the efforts of Railroad Companies to obtain our bonds, has created a wide-spread fear that, escutcheon of North Carolina will be tarnished by inevitable and enforced repudia-In connection with most of her sous, I gage upon the property of the Company. In other words, he should have acted would avert such a dire calamity. If the gage upon the property of the Company is reference to his own affairs. What same night of repudiation ever settles upon our great commonwealth, it will be with our Internal Revenue Law, because of the upon a mort age executed by his neighbor noble ship of State as described in the omission of stamps, which should have upon the plantation of another neighbor, been affixed to the amount of \$2 000. The The attempt to enforce a lien thus cought report) shows that he issued this \$2,000.000 attempt to reap a whirlwind. Yet this is loan to the Chatham Railroad Company the present character of a \$2,000,000 morton the evening of October 19th, 1868, or the morning of October 20th, 1868, while Is it not time that the Treasury. great a disaster; but if it should come, the his letter to the Attorney General (see page the people should interpose their authority 28, "A. No. 1,") shows that he did not re- to protect the interests of the State? marble shaft erected at the tomb of our p ighted faith, will have chisseled upon its

The facility with which the bonds of the marked " A No. 1." It is as remarkable nacity and indecent leaste of parties to ob-State were secured, soon occasioned a large influx of appropriation bills. Railroad as it is laconic. I request Senators to read tain possession of our bonds at the very DEING A PRIVATE INSTRUCTOR FOR Companies with litle, if any paid in capital it, and to reflect how sammarily it disposes earliest moment, and to evade the payment of a question in which the interests of the ing their bonds for those of the State, as

lions of dollars. Here it is, written on the very day the opinion was sought STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,)

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S UFFICE, Italeigh, N. C., Nov 28, 1:68. lion. D. A. Jenkins, Public Treasurerrequire stamps, also the mortgage to the State

Respectfully, WM. M. Coleman, Attorney General.

the mortgage. ful and vigorous States that are moving less it has been done very recently.

gage because it was unstamped. Notwith- Seal of the State. bonds were thrown into their lap. The they will find that it can receive no other said Board approved by the Governor."

was soon aggravated by reports which opinion of Hon. E. A. Rulins, Commisspeedily obtained circulation and credence sioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, which the State has paid \$100,000 in her son was refused. Payment to members in page 14 of Report) for \$100,000 of State that our bonds to the amount of millions D. C., by letter, dated Jan. 7th, 1869. - bonds, comes from D. J. Pruyn, and this person was resumed immediately upon the bonds, which he agreed to sell him if the of dollars had been exchanged for railroad This letter will be found on page 31 of the division of the consideration into \$56,000 ratification of the joint resolution of Aug. \$2,000,000 loan bill passed, for his (Little bonds and mortgages which were informal, report and marked "D. No. 2." The reply and \$44,000 indicates that \$56,000 was the 13th-a resolution which indicated a pur- field's) services as an attorney in siding defective, invalid and worthless, because of the Commissioner is defed Treasury amount Pours paid Colonel J. M. Heck a pose in the tieneral Assembly to know the of non-conformity to the express and specific of laternal Revenue, few hours before transferring title to the reason why Mr. Pruya could draw money The President of the Chatham R. R. Co. eific requirement of public law. A regard, Washington, Jan. 11th, 1869 It will be State, and that \$44,000 is the amount he from the Treasurer upon members' warfor the deeply involved interest of the found on page 31 of the report and marked made in this speculation.

State seemed to demand an investigat "B. No. 2" It is as follows:

Now, what authority had

It there is a difference of opinion in regard to the wisdom of generous and munificent loads at a time when our State is in default on outstanding obligations, I believed there would be, and think there now is, manufactory as a more interesting and the control of the section in the control of the section authority, conferred by these loan bills, as illegal to record it unless duly stamped, while and Board—to sell, that is the word to sent, of members at 5 per cent., step right into keeper of the Capitol, well supplied with that, if securities taken by the State prove the Register's office with them and re- cigars, wines and liquors, while Railroad

JUREN L. BESLEY, Mr. President, you will pardou a little digression. I cannot withhold a recognicommittee of three Senators to "investi- tion of the patriotism and integrity which gate the extent and the manner in which, these transactions have evinced in the Secretary of State. North Carolina needs such disinterested services, and her gener-The Senstor from Rowan, entirely igno- our people will bestow upon him the plaudit, "well done good and faithful servant." He is to be admired who, having minutes of the introduction of mine, of- carefully and conscientiously determined fered as a substitute a joint resolution his duty, does not allow personal abase, which was accepted as such, and having vindictive attack, malice, hate, or any of passed the two Houses created the Joint the baser passions of man to swerve him

Now, this act to amend the charter of These resolutions were more compre- the Chatham Railroad Company requires heasive than my own. They called for an that before the \$2,000,000 in State bonds investigation into ramors of bribery and are parted with the Treesurer shall have corruption of members of this General in his possession the mortgage of the Comvoked by these resolutions I promised to of the Company between the junction of "locate" or "put my flager upon" the their Road with the Western Railroad and

Now the law of common sense would require that the Company should own at tion hal a two-fold purpose, one relating least some property between those points to the exercise of powers conferred upon before the execution of the morigage. A State Executive officers, and the other re- mortgage is a "conveyance of property, lating to rumors of bribery and corrup- upon condition, as security for the payment of a debt, or the performance of a duty, given to add \$30,000,000 to the indebtedof the evidence as relates to the first branch formance." It is a full and complete con veyance of title, with a proviso, rendering it void upon certain conditions. It convevs a defeasible title. It has usually been ed Aug. 17th, 1868, authorized the Treas- considered necessary for a man to own urer of the State, upon certain conditions, property before he can convey it, either absolutely or conditionally, but in this instance the Treasurer of the State has been persuaded to accept a mortgage literally upon all the property of the Chatham Railroad Company, between the points indicated, whereas, in truth, as appears from the testimony of its President (see page the Sate, but the State has not received 13 of the report) the Chatham Railroad sand between those points. In the language of their President, "the road is not

> the fourth line of survey.' It is absolutely worthless, unless, by per- It thus appears, Mr. President, that i mission of a United States civil officer, this \$2,000,000 mortgage had been duly which can only be obtained within a few and sufficiently stamped and registered in months, the penalties of violated law are the office of the Secretary of State, it would have been worthless, because purporting to convey by mortgage deed certain prop-

definitely located; we are now working or

It is no answer to this objection that the Company, for this evasion of the law, has Company intend to purchase property between those points. I would not give a that honorable members of this General and that the State, for receiving the more bagatelle for title in fee simple to any man's intention. Death or a change of purpose may defeat intention.

> The ownership of property between the points designated is required as a condition precedent to the mortgage, and the mortgage as a condition precedent to the possession of the State bonds, as well by a that he took the note of the company for fair construction of the act, as by the law amount of stamps pending such opinion, of common sense; but were there room for question in connection with another Rail- The Treasurer ought to have given the State, not the Company, the benefit of any The act to amend the Charter of the doubt he may have entertained. His doubts Chatham Railroad Company was ratified on the question of Internal Revenue

Aug. 13th, 1868. This act authorized and Stamps should have induced him to say to directed the Treasurer of the State, upon the Chatham Railroad Company : " Gencertain conditions, to exchange the bonds | tlemen having satisfied me that this mortof the Company, to the amount of \$2,000, gage covers what it purports to-property 000. As in the preceding act, so in this, of your company-you must produce the the bonds were required to be secured by best possible evidence that the Internal a mortgage upon the property of the Com. Revenue Law of the United States does porary loan. He informed me that he had to avert his face, for he believed, and pany. The Treasurer of the State has not require it to be stamped, and that eviparted with the \$2,000,000 in our bonds, dence is the opinion of the Commissioners | the legal rate of interest. I immediately sonal knowledge, that Stevens swore to a proach upon me through the press or other but he has not received an enforcible mort- of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C." The instrument purporting to be a mort- just as a careful and prodent man would in

rendered worthless by the United States man would loan money to his neighbor testimony of the Treasurer (see page 6, of to be created, would be as fruitless as an

quest the opinion of the Attorney General | I acquit our Treasurer of any desire to upon the question of stamps, until No act in these matters to the advantage of vember 28th, 1868, or thirty-nine days these companies and to the defriment of after he accepted the unstamped \$2,000,000 the State. I believe he is sinued against more than sinning. I believe it is all to That opinion will be found on page 29 be attributed to the voracity and pertiof a tax imposed by a law of the United States. It is, however, no less our duty to discover and rectify errors and omissions, so fatal in their character, and involving the interests of a poor and tax burdened people, to the amount of millions of dol-

The act to provide for the employment SIR : In my opinion, the bonds of the Chatham of convicts and the crection of a Peniten-Reproad Company delivered to the State do not tiary was ratified just as our first session was expiring. Section 10 of said act reads as follows, viz : "Sec. 10. In order to provide a fund for the purchase of a site and property for the Penitentiary, and for the | 000 for so days, at the legal rate of interest to This opinion was transmited to the Sec- erection of the same, the Public Treasurer | meet a temporary deficiency in the Treasury; retary of State, with the request to register is authorized and required when requested by the committee named in Section 1st, or The act expressly required that the mort- by said Board, to sell for not less than par | quested and instructed to inform the General As- uscript of an official dispatch of Arthur gage should be registered-not delivered for | bonds of the State not exceeding in the registration, but registered in the office of aggregate two hundred thousand dollars facturing and mineral resources of North the Secretary of State as one of the condi- (\$200,000) of the denomination of one negotiate the loan authorized by the aforesaid home government is a carious record of (in of Dr. W. W. Whitted, of Hendersonville, Carolina are ever aroused from their leth tions precedent to the issue of our bonds thousand dollars each, (\$1,000) dated 1st concurrent resolution. argy, and made to throb in an active and to the Company. The Company has had October, 1868, and payable thirty years profitable existence, it will be by estab- possession of our bonds nearly four months, thereafter, bearing six per cent interest resolution, we were informed that the loan Assembly by loaning them money." Thus kins, of that place last Sunday. The facts lishing an artery through which the youth- and the mortgage is not registered yet, un- per annum, payable semi-annually; with had been negotiated. The speculation of it appears that bribing members by loans, in the case are these: More than a year coupons therefor attached, principal and Mr. Pruyn upon the necessities of mem The Secretary of State evidently regard- interest payable at such place in the city bers, was thus nipped in the bud. Now. cent origin in North Carolina. PARE NEXT SESSION OF THIS INSTI- pour into our sluggish system their healthy ded it his duty to protect the interest of of New York as the Public Treasurer may what is the evidence relating to this trantation will begin on Monday, the 15th of Feb- and life-giving blood. Recuperation and the State, and prostitute his high office for designate, said bonds to be signed by the saction? It may be found upon page 8 rejuvenation will then dethrone the deso the benefit of voracious Railroad Com- Governor, and counter-signed by the Pub- of the report. lation and darkness that now reigns su- panies. He refused to register the mort- lie Treasurer, and sealed with the Great | The Treasurer of the State testifies that bribed by the transaction? I think I have church, Willie shot him in the breast with

But, sir, dispersion, instead of concen- standing the opinion of the Attorney The purchase money of said site and some money. He did not remember the still has upon his legislative course. tration, of our limited resources, will, I General, he believed the U. S. Revenue property shall be payable on the warrant language specially at the time. He fear, postpone this happy event. Several Law required the mortgage to be stamped of a majority of said committee, approved thought, though, that the spirit of the Milton S. Littlefield. Stevens testifies (see companies, transported with elysian joy at by a provision as plain and explicit as can by the Governor, and dues to contractors language they had was about certificates, as page 18 of Report) that he presented the

"Sir:-I reply to your letter of the 6th tost. to make a requisition upon the Treasurer money from the Treasurer minety days for \$60,000, and without en-Sth. 1869, as is not issued by State officer.

"If the next gage secures \$2,000,000, it requires the Treasurer—when requested by representatives of the people and the Treasurer prietor of a saloou for keeping the small treasurer to the smooth of \$2,000. It would be the committee named in section 1, or by sury Department, and discounting warrants room in the Capitol, now occupied by the pose of creating a fund.

> tiary bonds were sold they were not sold by to the latter branch of this investigation- the holder of it, to Cavanaugh, of New the Treasurer, as the act requires, but by that relating to the bribery of members of York city, for billiard tables, and by him the committee, who had no right to sell this General Assembly. them. They made their requisitions upon About the time this investigation was fused, whereupon the draft was remitted to the Treasurer for bonds, while the act ex- inaugurated a Senator, in whom I have this city and sold to a capitalist here at a pressly provides as follows: "The purchase great confidence, informed me that he heavy discount, money of said site and property shall be could prove that a Senator had received Does any one believe that the \$60,000 is payable on the warrant of a majority of money for his services as a Senator. He to be paid, or that anybody will be disapsaid committee, approved by the Gov- did not give me his name, neither did I pointed because of its non-payment? The

> as the act requires, but at sixty-five cents discharge of what impressed itself upon been informed of them since the report was on the dollar, for the consideration ex- me as a high public duty. About the same made. My informant is a gentleman who pressed in the deed is \$65,000, and this fact time I accidently saw a draft for \$1,200, is cognizant of the facts. cannot be overcome or the mandates of the made by Milton S. Littlefield, upon Soutact be syaded by the phraseology of a re- ter & Co., 53 William street, New York

> an unauthorized party at an unauthorized but the kindliest relations ever existed beprice, but also in an unauthorized manner. tween Mr. Stevens and myself, and those received money from an individual for his The language of the act is "to sell for not personal considerations had to be over- services in the Senate and informed him less than par." The verb "to sell" is of come by a controlling sense of duty to the that I was ready to investigate the charge, frequent occurrence in the business affairs | State. of life. It has, in common parlance, but I knew the activity displayed by the one meaning, and this meaning is the only maker of the draft in favor of Railroad apone it has etymologically or technically. - propriation bills; an activity which secured Our lexicographers define it as follows, viz: for him the facetious sobriquet of the person implicated, and the Senator some equivalent in money; to vend, correlthat the payer of the draft had a short time charge could be sustained. Although sevative to barter, which implies an exchange before filed his petition in bankruptcy, and eral Senators seem to have previously heard of one commodity for another."

that out of this "fund" "money" shall but a few weeks. I was as well satisfied be drawn by "warrant" for the purchase | that it was given in consideration for influof said " site and property."

the bonds, has been complied with, but cases. 10th, 1868 (see page 9 of report), while it \$1,200 draft.

I will not comment upon this transac- was.

middle of the session. Before the com- the same way. tinued so to do until he announced an ex- months, at the time.

ratified Aug. 3d, 1868 "Resolved, (the House of Representatives concurring) That the Treasurer of the State by authorized to negotiate a loan, not exceeding \$100 000, for ninety days, at the lend rate of in-

Several days prior to the ratification of this resolution, the Treasurer had stopped all payments to members, for the reason before stated. Several days after the ratification of this resolution, I ascertained that Representatives for the first session shows exchanging bonds with railroad companies D. J. Pruyn-the gentleman who made that the only Railroad appropriation bill cannot but largely conduce to the welfare 341,000 of our bonds in a few hours, in for which A. W. Stevens voted during that of the State, in view of the fact that existthe Penitentiary transaction-had opened session, was the act entitled an act to ing and maturing legislation authorizes the an office in an ante-room of the Senate amend an ordinance to incorporate the exchanges to the enormous extent of more gallery, and was quietly buying the war- Northwestern N. C. R. R. Company. This than twenty-five million of dollars. rants of members, at a discount of 5 per act appropriated about \$400,000 of our To this unparalleled enlargement of our cent; of course a legitimate transaction, bonds. Stevens voted for it. It passed public debt, I have continuously entered so far as Mr. Pruyn was concerned. Here Aug. 19, 1868, and the next day Stevens my solun protest; but if it is decreed by was the inception of a promising specula got the draft for \$1,200 on New York, the powers that be, the interests of the tion which, if carried out to its conclusion, from the Chairman of the "third House." State should be shielded by all the protecwould have abstracted from the pockets The Journal of the House of Representation which can be extracted from our legisof members of this General Assembly little less than \$5,000. Its success depended upon the conjunction of necessities of members and a depleted Treasury. These circumstances, in connection with

the delay to negotiate the aforesaid loan. after authority, which the Treasurer had tion, whether it is regarded as a gift or a safely rescued from the perils which encominformed me would suffice, had been conferred upon him-induced me to prepare stitute bribery. A member can be bribed cargo and unfurling her canvass to the gale and introduce into the Senate the following joint resolution, viz : WHEREAS, The Treasurer of the State was au-

thorized by concurrent resolution, ratified Aug. 3d, 1868, to negotiate a loan not exceeding \$100, Resolved, The House of Representatives con-

negotiated, and if not negotiated, whother additional legislation is necessary to enable him to

the brilliancy of their success, cried out, like Oliver Twist, for "more," and "more" like on the law, section 154, act of 1864, able on the warrant of a majority of the warrant of a majorit

bills was surpassed only by the avidity version of terms that a mortgage, execu- were made upon the Treasurer by the com- fore he negotiated the \$100,000, and inas- them, he then had no funds there. State, means the same as a mortgage to a for \$56,000 in State bonds (at par), and exactions of Mr. Pruyn until the Treasurer draft upon Soutter & Co. was dishonored, about seventeen years of age. The dethe other in favor of D. J. Pruyn, for \$44,- discontinued payment, the warrants which he gave his draft for ninety days for \$60.- ceased leaves a wife and several children. paralleled enlargement of our public debt. The secretary of State requested the 000 in State bonds (at par), (see page 9, of Mr. Prayn discounted must have been 000 to the President of the Chatham R. R.

rants purchased at a discount, while mem- had known Mr. Littlefield one or two

coive payment in full.

request it, because I was fearful that a facts I have stated in regard to the \$3,000 Again, if sold, they were not sold at par, knowledge of the name might affect the draft are not in evidence because I have City, dated August 20th, 1868, and paya- Saturday before the committee reported I The bonds were not only disposed of by ble to the order of A. W. Stevens. None

"To deliver, part with or dispose of for "Chairman of the Third House." I knew from Caswell as the witnesses by whom the I knew that a few weeks before I had en- of these names in connection with this These bonds, then, were not sold but bar- dorsed his note to enable him to borrow charge, this was the first time I had heard purposely and properly used, the act pro- just at a time when Railroad bills were unvides that these bonds shall be sold to der consideration, and I knew that the "create a fund;" that is the word—and maker of the draft had known Mr. Stevens ence as a member of the General Assem- from Rowan knew of my intention. The The testimony of the Treasurer shows bly, as if Mr. Stevens had frankly connot only that not a single requirement of fessed that it was thus given. The charges peated in the presence of the Senate subsec. 10 in said act, as to the disposition of which I made were based upon these two

also that J. M. Heck and D. J. Pruyn were I propose to analize the case of Mr. A. paid \$100,000 in the Penitentiary bonds by W. Stevens. The analysis is designed to from the Senator from Caswell for his vote requisition upon the Treasurer, dated Nov. develop the intent of the parties to the

was not until Dec. 33, 1868, some twenty- The testimony of Mr. Seymour (see page three days thereafter, that the State ob- 25 of report) shows that Mr. Stevens has tsined title, when lo, and behold, instead not such credit as would enable him to Upon reflection he had concluded to of a deed with covenant of warranty, it borrow money on his own paper, without voluntarily relate all the facts and circumwas merely a quit claim deed, with de- endorsement, as a commercial transac- stances. scription clauses so vague and indefinite tion. This militates against the assumpas to render it exceedingly difficult, if tion that it was an ordinary business tranat all possible, to locate the 8,000 acre tract. saction, which Stevens himself testifies it

tion further than to observe that outside! In our capacity as jurors, we must deinfluence has stamped its impress upon termine the degree of credibility to which the whole affair, from inception to con- each witness is entitled, and as circumstantial evidence is sometimes stronger than I deeply regret that honorable gentle- direct and positive, so circumstantial evimen, who ever have commanded my con- dence is frequently strong enough to overfidence, should have reposed so much faith come direct and positive statements made in those who were working out these ne- under oath. Mr. Stevens testifies that he farious results in so bold and brazen a gave his note for six months, at the time

he received the draft. I now desire to present to the Senate the | The extent to which Mr. Stevens is inlast subject embraced in the first branch of | terested as a person charged with a serious this investigation. The first session of offense, is to be kept constantly in view. this General Assembly commenced July I anticipated that an attempt would be 1st, 1868. It will be remembered that the made to give the transaction a business per diem and mileage of members and offi- phase, but I reflected that the most glarcers were not determined until after the ing case of corruption could be treated in

pensation of members and officers was de- | I presume that several Senators, shortly termined, it will also be remembered that after this investigation was inaugurated, the Treasurer of the State kindly advanced | were told, at least I was, that Stevens now money to members on account, and con- testifies that he gave his note for six

haustion of funds. I then sought an inter- | Since the report was made, a gentleman view with the Treasurer, for ascertaining of the Committee informed me that while upon what terms he could negotiate a tem- | Stevens was testifying to this effect, he could borrow \$100,000 for ninety days at his belief was founded upon his own perthe following joint resolution, which was duced him to withhold his information un- dence, and the perfection of silent contempt. til the report was made.

in November. This draft was dated Aug, summoned had been obtainable. 20, 1868. The Journal of the House of | The investigation into the manner of tives for this session shows that Stevens lation has been an unswerving supporter of all appropriation bills the current session .- I believe, and I say so with reluctance and Here then is the effect of the draft, and it | regret, that the good old Ship of State is constitutes another and a very strong link in the breakers. She is striking heavily in the chain. The effect of the transac- upon the rocks; if She is kept affoat and loan, is such as would make it con- pass her, it will not be by magnifying her as well by a loan of money as by a gift of but through the mercy and kindness of

historian Bancroft, while representing the United States at the Court of St. James, having been allowed access to several public offices in London for the purpose of curring, That the Treasurer of the State be re- historic research, found the original mansembly without delay, whether such loan has been | Dobbs, Governor of North Carolina, dated December, 1717. In this dispatch to the the language of Gov. Dobbs) "Mr. Starky, Immediately upon the ratification of this the Treasurer, who governs many in the either quasi oans or genuine, is not of re- ago there is said to have been improper

It is of very little importance whether | ted's wife. Willie shot at Hawkins last the \$1,200 draft was a loan or a gift. The summer without effect. On Sunday last. all important question is, was Mr. Stevens as Hawkins came out of the Baptist Mr. Prnyn "talked to him about making satisfactorily shown the effect it had, and a pistol, causing death to ensue at once.

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Now, what authority had the committee bers, "proprie persone," could obtain no years; yet he takes Littlefield's draft at

appropriation bills were under considera-Now, if these \$100,000 in our l'eniten- I now invite the attention of the Senate tion last session. This draft was paid by presented to the payer. Payment was re-

It now remains for me to advert to the case of the Senator from Rowan : On the called upon the gentleman who had assured and desired to know the name of the Senator and the name of the witness by whom the charges could be sustained. He gave me the name of the Senator from Rowan as these names in this connection.

On the following Monday the Senator from Rowan arose in committee and expressed a desire to make a personal explanation. I had not yet summoned Senator Stevens, and I do not think the Senator Senator stated, substantially, what he resequently. He confessed that he at first intended to prevaricate in reference to it, because, while he did not accept the \$20 on the Senator's resolution for per diem and mileage, nor as a bribe, yet it was improper for him to have taken it and his motive could be easily misconstrued .-

The Senator has frankly admitted that it was wrong for him to have taken it for any services as Senator. The degree of culpability is the only question for the Senate to determine, and I submit it to you with the belief that you will exercise such a spirit of forbearance as the mitigating circumstances, in your judgment

seem to justify. I will not weary the Senate by detailing the extent to which my questions were not allowed, by a majority of the committee, to be answered, or the unprecedented refusal to allow me the exercise of the undoubted right to make such squestions a matter of record, in order that the General Assembly might judge of the propriety of not allowing such questions to be an-

I have no doubt but that that majority discharged their onerous and unpleasant duties as conscientionaly as did the minority. In conclusion I have only so say, that from the inception to the completion of this investigation, it has been my earnest desire to preserve the honor and maintain the good name of North Carolina! I have en-

---- " Nothing extenuate, Nor set down aught in malico.'

For those who have sought to heap reprepared and introduced into the Senate falsehoood. His regard for a friend in- erwise, I have only a reference to the evi-It has afforded me an opportunity of de Another circumstance lending to dis- termining by personal experience the exprove the assumption that it was a bonn felt | tent to which a man is made strong by the oan, is the fact that it was not paid, by consciousness of right. "Thrice is he the parties in New York, upon whom it armed that has his quarrel just." The was made, but by Littlefield bimself, in labors of the committee have been protract-Raleigh, in three installments, viz : one in | oil and ardnous, and would have termina-September, one in October and the third | ted more satisfactorily if all the witnesses

Because of this expansion of our debt. Him who painted the wings of the butter-It is a remarkable fact that the eminent fly and instilled the fragrance of the rose.

Upon an unbroken succession of rich harvests from His bounteful hand, conjointly with wisdom in the management of our finances, depend all the consolation that can attach to hope.

HOMICIDE IN HENDERSONVILLE, N. C .-We are reliably informed that Willie, son N. C., shot and killed Mr. A. M. Hawintimacy between Hawkins and Dr. Whit-Willie then gave himself up to the civil

authorities. The whole affair is universally regretted by all who knew the parties. Dr. Whitted e testifies moreover, that he cashed the refused on the ground that, although Mr. | character and uprightness in all his deal-20 00 eagerness to secure the passage of their interpretation until there is such a per- On November 10, 1868 two requisitions warrants, that Mr. Pruyn discounted, be- Littlefield did his banking business through ings. Up to this occurrence his family ranked among the most respectable in that And yet about the time that Littlefield's section of country. Willie is a young lad